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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO GOS IMMIGRATION

1. ON AUG 3 PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER VISITED EMBASSY TO EXAMINE WAYS IN WHICH U.S. GOVERNMENT PROTECTS VISAS AND PASSPORTS. SINCE GOS HAS EMBASSY IN LONDON AND PARIS THEY ARE GOING TO STANDARDIZE THEIR SYSTEM AND ARE STUDYING SYSTEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE WHAT SYSTEMS MIGHT BEST BE SUITED TO THEIR NEEDS. DURING COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION IT WAS MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL YOUNG IMMIGRATION OFFICERS HAD JUST BEEN EMPLOYED. THEY ARE JUST OUT OF SCHOOL AND INEXPERIENCED. EMBASSY OFFERED TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

2. POST WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ON LOAN OR PERMANENT BASIS ANY MATERIAL DEPARTMENT OR INS MIGHT HAVE WHICH COULD BE USED BY GOS IMMIGRATION TO:

A) TRAIN IMMIGRATION INSPECTORS AND

B) DEVELOP THEIR OWN TRAINING PROGRAM BY MODIFYING OR CHANGING MATERIAL TO SUIT THEIR OWN NEEDS.

3. POST REALIZES THAT MUCH OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM USED BY INS MAY NOT BE USEFUL IN A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE SEYCHELLES BUT WOULD PREFER TO SHOW GOS IMMIGRATION WHAT IS AVAILABLE RATHER
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THAN DISAPPOINT THEM BY PROVIDING LITTLE OR NOTHING. ANY MATERIAL WHICH IS PROVIDED ON LOAN BASIS WILL BE RETURNED TO INS AT REQUESTED TIME. EMBASSY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOAN MATERIAL PROVIDED.

4. SUGGESTED MATERIAL MIGHT INCLUDE INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES FOR TEACHING PROGRAM, FILMS, VTR - 3/4 INCH, SLIDES, INSTRUCTION

TRAINING CHARTS, PHOTOS OF NEW AUTOMATED EQUIPMENT, WELCOME KITS OR INTRODUCTION PACKETS GIVEN TO NEW IMMIGRATION OFFICERS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE METHODS USED TO INTERVIEW VISITORS, PHYSICAL SIGNS INSPECTORS CAN USE TO DETERMINE NERVOUSNESS OR OTHER INDICATION THAT A VISITOR IS NOT BEING TRUTHFUL, INTERVIEWING PROCEDURES, ETC.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, POST WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT DURING UP-COMING CONSULAR CONFERENCE SEPT 18-22, MEMBERS OF THE TEAM FROM WASHINGTON (INS, VO, PPT, ETC.) BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE SOME SORT OF INFORMAL TALK (QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT INSTEAD OF LECTURES) TO IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL. BELIEVE INFORMAL TALK SESSION WITH PROFESSIONALS WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST AND BENEFIT TO GOS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS FEASIBLE AND, OF COURSE, IF VISITORS WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE. MATTSON

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